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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert D.
4 Reese of Tuscola, who passed away on October 9, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Reese was born on April 28, 1962, at Scott
6 Air Force Base to Robert L. and Mary E. (Smith) Reese; he
7 married Pamela M. Berner on May 24, 1997, in Jamaica; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Reese began his broadcasting career as an
9 on-air personality at various radio stations in central
10 Illinois; he worked as a meteorologist and news anchor for
11 WAND-TV in Decatur; he joined WCIA 3 in 1998, and served as the
12 station's chief meteorologist for nearly 4 years; he reported
13 weather for WBGL and other radio stations in central Illinois;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Reese worked as a police officer in Kansas,
16 Illinois, prior to his television weather career; he attended
17 Eastern Illinois University and graduated from the broadcast
18 meteorology program at Mississippi State University; and

19 WHEREAS, Robert Reese had a passion for all things related
20 to music, airplanes, and cars; he enjoyed meeting new people
21 and watching Animal Planet; he was known for his offbeat sense

1 of humor and his zeal for zombies and horror movies; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Reese spent many weekends volunteering
3 with numerous charities throughout central Illinois; he hosted
4 the MDA Labor Day telethon and the MDA summer camp; he served
5 on the Mid-Illinois Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board of
6 Directors, for which he received the 1998 Volunteer of the Year
7 Award; he volunteered for the Douglas County Emergency Services
8 and Disaster Agency, and he could be found emceeding charitable
9 events for cancer survivors; and

10 WHEREAS, Robert Reese was preceded in death by his father,
11 Robert L. Reese; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Reese is survived by his wife, Pamela; his
13 children, Rachel Kerr and Matthew, Michelle, and Michael Reese;
14 his grandchildren, Alexandra and Dallas Kerr; his mother, Mary
15 Reese; his sisters, Madeline Reese and Vanessa Reese; his
16 aunts, uncles, and cousins in Central Illinois and England; and
17 numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws near Chicago; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Robert Reese, and we extend our sincere
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Robert Reese as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.